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City street conditions revealed at New Buffalo town hall

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

A Streets Evaluation and Needs Report was presented at the City of New Buffalo's second Town Hall for roads Wednesday, Sept. 11.

City manager Darwin Watson said the city's current .25 mills road millage equates to around $65,000 annually. The proposed 20-year 2.25 mills road millage, which will be on the Nov. 5 ballot, would produce about $728,000 annually

Watson said this number is "based on the taxable value of the homes now." Homes have been appreciating at about 4 or 5 % over the last four or five years.

"So the $728,000 is the base and then you go from there," he said.

The Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) rates road surface distress on a scale of 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent) for various road compositions - asphalt, concrete, composite and federal aid and non-federal aid, as well as provides guidelines for appropriate treatment, from reconstruction to little or no maintenance (which would be 8 or above).

Engineering firm Abonmarche had been trained through Michigan Technological University to conduct the PASER study on the city's roads.

Roads that are rated 10, 9 or 8 are deemed "good," roads that are rated 7,6 or 5 are deemed "fair" and ones that are rated 4,3,2 or 1 are "poor."

Per a map of city roads that was part of the slideshow presentation, in 2024, 16% of the city's roads have been given a 1 rating, while 22% have been given 2.

The slideshow revealed more red was shown on the 2024 map compared to a 2021 one.

"There are some areas where we have some 'good' roads but we don't have any 'excellent' roads - we have 'fair' and 'poor,'" Watson said.

Watson said the roads that all the information with regards to the roads in red was then plugged into RoadSoft, a software package that's been designed by Transportation Asset Management Council out of Michigan Tech, which is used to develop models of what level of road conditions can be achieved by increasing annual road spending by increments of $500,000, $750,000 and $1 million.

In 2021, it was determined that it would take $1 million for 10 years to get 75% of the city's road in good condition. Through a lot of projects that have been done, such as downtown ones, Watson said that "some of that has been taken off the table because it's already been done."

Watson showed a chart indicating cost distribution for each year until 2034 if the city spent $50,000 annually on its local roads. In 2025, $32,411 would be spent for preventive maintenance on local roads that are good and $467,589 for rehabbing those that are poor.

Currently, the city has 44.084 miles, so 56.6% of those roads are in poor condition, 43% are fair and zero are good.

"If we do the half million for 2025, now you're talking about 46% of the roads being in poor condition down from 56%, 14.9% being in fair condition down from 43.4% and we move 38.2% of the roads into good condition," Watson said.

Allocating $1 million annually would result in $353,670 in reconstruction, $613,919 in rehabbing and $32,411 in preventive maintenance.

"Now you're at 88.6% good roads and 11.4% bad - but there has to be a sizable investment made annually to make this happen," he said.

Roads that need the most work are designated as local and receive no federal funding. Major streets, such as Clay, Whittaker and parts of Detroit and Michigan, are eligible for federal funds.

Watson said that 60% of money that the city gets from Act 51 is for local roads, while 40% is for major ones.

He added that the city gets about $360,000 annually from the state.

"If we're talking $60,000 in these scenarios, about half a million dollars is for preventive maintenance - that's not addressing a street like Berrien or Washington that are in bad shape," Watson said.

The PASER ratings and Roadsoft analysis gives the city the ability to create an asset management plan for its road system.

Tackling the roads from an asset management standpoint will also determine when roads can be done.

"The decision making gets to be a lot easier to say, 'In 2025, we're going to do half a million dollars in construction and rehab - which streets can we get done for the biggest bang for our buck and make the biggest impact," Watson said.

The human condition is that everyone's a spy.
— Dino N. Fatouros

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Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1PM

New Buffalo Township Fire Chief Flick granted full-time status

BY FRANCESA SAGALA

Members of the New Buffalo Township Board approved moving fire chief Jamie Flick from part-time status to full-time at their Monday, Sept. 16, meeting.

Flick will assume full-time status beginning Dec. 1, with an annual salary of $80,000, four weeks vacation and full benefits.

"Chief Flick has been doing full time work basically for many years ever since he became fire chief," New Buffalo Township Supervisor Michelle Heit said, adding that he "has two full time jobs essentially."

She added that the township is currently covering all of the calls in the city. Flick also maintains the public safety building on U.S. Highway 12, which is a "bigger job" than anyone realized.

Trustee Pete Rahm commended Flick for stepping in after Ed Lijewski, who built up the fire department, stepped down.

With all the building going on in the township and huge houses going in, he added that the township can no longer afford not to have someone who's full-time.

"I think we knew at some time we were going to have to have a full time chief," he said.

Lt. Ryan Sullivan said that it's estimated that there was $12, 156,969 worth of damages from the lakefront storm that swept through the area late last month.

Areas that were most affected were along "that lakeside to Union Pier area," particularly along Marquette Road. Several calls came in simultaneously that stated that people were inside their residences with trees that had fallen on their home; however, there were no serious injuries. The power was also out for several days, and the sheriff's office posted extra patrols in the Chikaming and New Buffalo area to keep an eye on unoccupied structures and ones where alarms weren't working.

Sullivan added that deputies from the north and south patrol areas came down and worked alongside the township's firefighters, who were helpful with chainsaws in both Chikaming and New Buffalo townships.

A camera policy was approved with Heit adding that they have additional cameras outside and one at the election box.

Board members adopted Ordinance 2024-09-16 to amend sections 455-1.5, 455-3.2, 455-4.4 and 4.55-13.1 of the zoning ordinance regarding accessory uses of buildings and structures along with adding definitions and a regulated use table that pertains to manufactured housing and mobile home parks. Heit said that they approved this two months ago; however, it was realized that they needed to adopt an ordinance to adopt the zoning ordinance.

Final approval for an SLU was granted to El Dorado LLC to operate an adult use marijuana establishment at 19285 U.S. Highway 12, 19291 U.S. Highway 12 and 13700 El Dorado Drive.

Preliminary approvals for SLU to operate an adult use marijuana establishment were granted to the following: RV Ventures LLC at 19471 U.S. Highway 12, RN Ventures LLC at 19511 U.S. Highway 12, 19701 New Buffalo Property LLC at 19703 U.S. Highway 12 and Michigan Pure Green LLC at 13944 Grand Avenue.

I just save my money, man. I don't even try to enjoy it like these other rappers; they having fun and they lit, but they gon' be broke later on. I be savin', I be chillin'. It feels good to know I got it, but it feel better to know I'ma keep it too. *— Lil Baby*

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The evening will begin with a discussion about the Foundation and how it connects to the region, followed by a multi-course meal. Every meal is unique to that moment in time, featuring vegetables and grains grown by Granor and other ingredients from the region's farming neighbors.

For tickets, visit www.granorfarm.com/tickets. If you have questions, contact Alison at algrosse@yahoo.com or text her at 269-756-3894.

— STAFF REPORTS

Village Council fields boil order, communication concerns

BY THERESE DONNELLY

Water was a focus of discussion at the Three Oaks Village Council's meeting Sept. 11, as the council discussed the latest information on the boil water order and residents' frustrations about communication.

The village issued a boil order Sept. 6 after tests revealed the presence of bacteria in water lines in the south end of the Village. At the beginning of the council meeting, Village Manager Dan Faulkner explained the water department had flushed a repaired water main and performed a routine sampling, which came back positive for bacteria at five test locations. Tests at the water plant also showed bacteria in a filter, and state protocol was being followed to clear the issues. Faulkner stressed the bacteria was not e. Coli, saying state protocol for such a result would include tagging doors to notify residents.

Follow-up samples were negative at two sites, Faulkner said, but in accordance with state regulations, the village had to take additional samples downstream two times. Faulkner said the state labs are not open Sunday, which delayed test results. As of the Wednesday Council meeting, results from the Michigan Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) department were expected Friday, September 13.

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Councilmember Becky Thomas pointed out the village website and Facebook page had posted on September 9 that an update would come September 11, but as of the meeting, that update had not been made.

"There are very angry people looking for answers," she said.

Smith said the village would post an update that evening. Some in the audience complained that posting the water boil order on the Village's Facebook page and website left those not regularly visiting the sites to find out through word-of-mouth days later. Faulkner said the State of Michigan requires posting notices on the two sites, and the village had additionally made announcements in local newspapers and WRHC, the local radio station. Councilmember Joe Hinman added the South Bend, Ind. Television stations had also broadcast the order.

Faulkner said there are programs available to send announcements via text alerts, but the village would need to approve costs of approximately $2000 per year and manage subscriptions to use the service.

Faulkner said there were no reports of illness related to the village water, but elderly people and those with weakened immune systems needed to take caution.

Faulkner praised the Water and Public Works departments for their work addressing the water issue. Smith added praise for village administration, who fielded telephone calls from residents. He reminded everyone that there was no reason to take out frustrations on village employees working to solve the problem.

The council approved the request from 9 West Linden for a conditional rezoning from Residential 1 to Mixed-Use 2.

Discussion of the Swan Song lift station easement was on the evening's agenda, but the council tabled the matter after Faulkner said the village was waiting for Village Attorney Charles Hilmer to review the legal description.

Councilmembers have been planning sidewalk improvements in phases. The first phase went out for bid recently and Wightman and Associates presented bids from various companies to repair and replace existing sidewalks.

Councilmember John Kramer voiced concerns about the quotes, as they included installing new sidewalks in areas, and replacing sidewalks deemed to be in good condition. Thomas said the bids included a wider scope than necessary because it was the fairest way to get accurate bids and the Village can reconfigure work on the project, based on the bids.

Smith said the council needed to either accept one of the presented bids, or table the decision in order to get more information.

Brian Overly has offered to purchase a sycamore tree to be planted in Dewey Cannon Park to contribute to the park tree canopy. The council voted to accept the offer and the tree is expected to be planted in September.

The council agreed to meet Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. to amend the 2023-2024 budget and review the proposed 2024-2025 budget. The meeting, which will be held at Village Hall, is open to the public.

At their August meeting, the council heard a presentation from Changemakers Studio in Bridgman to research and plan the development of Chamberlain Path, 21 N. Elm Street. At that time, the council decided to send the proposal to the Downtown Development Authority and the Parks and Recreation Board to review. One concern was that there was no mention in the proposed agreement of a cap on fees relating to the project.

At the September council meeting, the proposal was adjusted to set a $25,000 cap, plus a percentage of grants obtained by Changemakers. Councilmember Lois Jones said she liked the company but did not like plans to close off the driveway between Elm Street and Generations Drive and locate restrooms in the park. She suggested seeking public opinions before making plans.

Thomas noted public surveys are part of the proposal. Smith said there had already been plans to remove the driveway and relocate the drop box for water payments.

Councilmember Joe Hinman noted nothing in the proposal must happen and there is still time for people to express their opinions before any decisions are made.

The council voted to continue to use Derek Hall of the Michigan Department of Treasury to perform this year's audit for the village. Smith said the village had received bids from two other auditors, but he felt they should continue working with Hall.

The council approved motions for several upcoming events in the village. River Valley Homecoming is Sept. 27 and the council approved a request to close North Elm Street from Sycamore to Linden for the homecoming parade. River Valley Elementary has scheduled its annual Halloween parade for Oct. 31. A portion of Elm Street will be closed for the students.

Large-item collection will be Saturday, Oct. 5. Lakeshore Recycling and Disposal will collect items with assistance from the Three Oaks Mason Lodge and the Three Oaks American Legion, Post 204. Smith reminded residents no televisions, items with freon, or construction materials are accepted.

An event to celebrate "Prancer," the 1989 John Hancock movie filmed and set in Three Oaks, is scheduled for Dec.14 and 15.

Smith said he is attempting to obtain two AEP banner poles to place near the Amtrak crossing on Elm Street to hold banners throughout the year.

City Council conducts readings of proposed ordinance amendments

BY THERESE DONNELLY

The New Buffalo City Council had the first readings of four proposed ordinance amendments, and the second reading of another, at their Sept. 16 meeting.

An update to Chapter 8 of the City Ordinance would update restrictions on hawking and peddling in the city, preventing such sales on public property. Mayor John Humphrey said applicants would need to show they had an agreement with the private property owner in order to get a permit.

Amendments to Chapters 9 and 23 would change the effective dates for business registrations. City Manager Darwin Watson told the council the current ordinances make all registrations effective from July 1 to June 30 each year. The new amendment would remove this timeframe and instead make individual registrations effective from the date of registration.

Chapter 8 of the Zoning Ordinance currently does not require a site plan review before building a new single-family dwelling, or duplex. Watson said this poses potential issues if construction is done over utilities. The new amendment, unanimously approved by the Planning Commission, would require review.

The Council had the second reading of an amendment to Chapter 11 of the City Ordinance, regarding short-term rentals. Under the new amendment, Watson said, owners would face penalties for three violations in a three-year period.

The council recognized the New Buffalo Service League as a non-profit in the city. Watson explained the group hopes to obtain a charitable gaming license for fundraising purposes. Part of the application process with the State of Michigan requires the council to formally recognize the group is a non-profit operating in the city.

The council awarded contracts for three projects. Versaw Earthworks had the low bid of $8000 to clear the leaf pit ahead of fall leaf collection. Councilmember Mark Roberts asked if the city was being required to do the work. Watson said it was not a requirement, but the State had recommended it.

Stark Solid Concrete was the only bidder for concrete work near the public beach concession building. Watson explained water line repair work had required the removal of a portion of concrete that now needs to be replaced. The Council approved Stark's bid of $8910.

The accounting firm of Gabridge and Company has provided yearly auditing and tax filing services for the city for several years. The most recent three-year contract ended and Gabridge agreed to a one-year extension for $19,500. Watson said it is "best practice" to go out for bid periodically to avoid an appearance of favoritism.

The State of Michigan requires audits for every fiscal year.

The council approved the purchase of two new Ford F250 trucks through the state Enterprise program. One truck will replace the Streets Department's 2013 F150 truck, which will be sold at public auction. The other truck will replace the Parks Department's 2009 F150.

Through the Enterprise program, one truck will cost $1289.24 monthly, or $15,470.88 annually and the other will cost $1091.31 monthly or $13,095.72 yearly. The cost of both trucks is included in the 2023-2025 budget.

The council also agreed to the purchase of a backup generator for the Streets Department garage from NWI Generator for $12460. Watson explained department needs to respond quickly to many events in the city and needs to be able to access the garage in the event of a power outage.

The Street Department's backhoe is in need of maintenance and repair, Watson said. Work has been estimated to cost $5,969.21 but the Council approved up to $10,000 in case of additional problems being uncovered.

On the recommendation of Humphrey, the council voted to appoint Chad Barclay and Roxanne Rau to the Planning Commission for terms ending in May 2027.

Election day is approaching and the council heard from candidates and advocates about items on the ballot.

Al DiBrito, an independent candidate for Berrien County Sheriff told the Council he has served as an FBI special agent in Michigan and a police officer in the Chicago area and recently retired as manager of security services at Corewell Health (formerly Lakeland Hospital). DiBrito said his time at the health provider has allowed him to observe the effects of the mental health crisis.

Kevin Whiteford, a Republican candidate for Michigan's 38th House district, told the council he is a Certified Public Accountant and financial advisor and has a master's in tax law. He said his goals include preventing the state from taking away local government control, and keeping taxes low.

Adam Bowen, superintendent of New Buffalo Area Schools, told the council the non-homestead operating millage that helps fund the school is up for renewal this year. Bowen said the millage, which is not a tax increase, makes up 78 percent of the school's revenue and enables the school to provide programs including daycare, preschool, post-secondary scholarships and the building trades program, as well as a "community hub" including the walking track and fitness center. Bowen said he is available to answer questions on the milage.

The city will have the final informational meeting regarding its own street millage Oct. 15, starting at 5:30 p.m.

City resident Mick Lantis asked the council if there was any consideration for paid street parking that would exempt residents, similar to the current beach parking.

R&R Pyrotechnics provided the city's 2024 Independence Day fireworks show and proposed an agreement for three years at a cost of $28,000 for 2025, $29,000 for 2026 and $30,000 for 2027.

Roberts expressed concerns about the costs, noting it was almost twice the cost of the 2024 display. It was explained that the city had received a significant discount and the company had made no money on it. Also noted was that 2026 will be the country's 250th anniversary and people will expect a large celebration.

Humphrey said the holiday is the busiest weekend in the city and private businesses benefit from the crowds that come. He said many business owners had indicated they were willing to contribute to the fireworks. Councilmember Brian Flanagan pointed out costs will only increase if the city does not commit to a contract now.

After discussion, the council approved the proposal on the contingency the business community agrees to pay a portion.

Addressing the audience before the meeting adjourned, Humphrey cautioned against getting information from internet sites. He said the Facebook page "New Buffalo Michigan (Official)" is not an official site and contains misinformation. He said the page claims the city is operating in a deficit, when it is in good financial shape, with audits to prove it. He explained the city has a "planned deficit," which is a government's intentional plan to spend more than revenue on a project to improve infrastructure or other features with the goal of a long-term return on investment.

Humphrey also said the city won a lawsuit regarding short-term rental ordinances and in a separate suit it was determined a former city attorney had not updated city rules to keep up with current case law, and the city was ordered to pay the plaintiff's legal costs.

Chikaming Township Board approves next step for Pier Street Beach viewing platform project

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members of the Chikaming Township Board of Trustees approved a proposal with regards to the next step in the Pier Street Beach viewing platform project at their Thursday, Sept. 12, meeting.

Chikaming Township Supervisor David Bunte said the board had approved in late winter and early spring some additional testing to be done at the access point at the end of Pier Street beach, some of which has taken place.

Bunte said the next stage would be to do soil borings at that location, which is tentatively on schedule. After "multiple discussions" with Pier Street Beach Citizens Group, which brought the project to the board, and the parks director, though, it was determined that the next phase in analysis of the access point is "the stability and long-term stability of the bluff in that access prior to us really being able to evaluate the scale of a structure that could go, or potentially go, in place of what's there or in addition to what's there or whatever that decision is."

Bunte said that Abonmarche will do some engineering services for $10,500 to "address the erosion, the current state of the bluff, to address the rip rap that's there, the potential of maybe realigning what's there to stabilize the bluff even further."

"All this needs to be done prior to any further development or movement when it comes to making a decision on a potential improvement in that bluff when it comes to access," Bunte said.

Re'Lynn Hansen, a member of the citizens group, said that Abonamrche sent the group an email that stated that they "can form the initial look that you have in the proposal" without soil borings.

"The soil borings would come into play when we go for a build or if we wanted to build anything - the soil borings could tell you how deep that foundation needs to go and what kind of structural support beams you need and such," she said.

Trustee Rich Sullivan said that, when the project was first presented to the public, the board had agreed that the next step would be waiting for the soiling boring report to come in.

"We were not going to put more money toward it until we got results from the process you mentioned and the steps we're going - now, this board wants to change the steps," he said.

Bunte said that there's a need to "be methodical in an analysis of what can or can't be done before you take major steps on any kind of construction."

Hansen added that it's urgent before winter to look at the rip rap and to rearrange it to prevent further erosion because the stairs down there are "funneling water up into the bluff."

The township has committed $7,500 to soil borings. Board members approved using that amount to go toward the $10,500 Abonmarche proposal.

The 2023-2024 audit review was approved.

The General Fund ending cash and cash equivalents was $2.9 million and there were total assets of $3.3 million. The fund also had unearned revenue of $279,000, which is ARPA money, and total liabilities of $687,000. The ending fund balance was $2.7 million. The biggest revenue, which was taxes, was $1 million and total revenues was $1.7 million. Total expenditures were $1.3 million for an ending fund balance of $2.7 million.

The General Fund has about 24 months of operating.

Water and sewer budgets both ended really healthy.

Board members approved a resolution for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant application for Kohn Park. Bunte said the township hadn't been awarded the grant, which is up to $50,000 and requires no match, this past spring. As of Sept. 12, he said that $135,000 has been raised toward the Kohn park project.

A scope of work change order request, which would require an additional $58,000, toward the engineering of Sawyer Road was approved. The township had received a $100,000 USDA Rural Development grant, with a $25,000 match, for the Sawyer Road which Bunte said is 80% complete. Some additional scope work has come up in the project, with the main issue being the sidewalks in Sawyer not being within the current right of way.

Board members adopted the Discrimination Complaint Process Policy, which Bunte said is a requirement for federal grants.

The Designated Civil Rights and Equal Protection Monitoring and Reporting Policy was approved.

A resolution approving September being Monarch Butterfly Migration Milkweed Celebration in Nature Calendar Month was approved.

The updated policy and procedures for obtaining gate access for coastline maintenance, with approval now having to go through Bunte or parks director Joe Martin to gain off season access, was approved.

Board members approved hiring Rebecca Matthews for the part-time MFR position.

MHS to host 'Remember Me Thursday' ceremony

The Michiana Humane Society (MHS) will observe Remember Me Thursday Sept. 26, at Michiana Humane Society.

This will be the shelter's 11th anniversary of this beautiful event. Guests are invited to dedicate candles in memory of their pets who are no longer here.

On the fourth Thursday of September, people gather all over the world to remember beloved pets who have died, and shelter animals who never found loving homes.

Remember Me Thursday is free to all. Children and leashed pets are welcome.

MHS will have a "decorating table" available beginning at 5:30 p.m CT. Those who want to put photos, drawings or messages on your luminarias may come into the shelter to pick up bags before Sept. 28. They will also be available the night of the event.

The shelter will be open to the public prior to the ceremony and briefly afterward. The traditional ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. CT, with a few words before the lighting of the luminarias. MHS will leave them glowing until the sun has gone down, so that everyone can have a quiet period to remember their pets.

For questions, contact 219-872-4499. Starting now, luminarias can be purchased for $5 each at michianapets.org.

Michiana Humane Society is located at 722 Indiana Highway 212 in Michigan City. — STAFF REPORTS

Injuries plague Raiders in gridiron loss

BY STAN MADDUX

The Red Arrow Raiders got off to a strong start but saw their early lead evaporate in a 36-22 loss in high school football at Calvin Christian School in Grandville Friday, Sept. 13.

Head Coach Matt Johnson said the opponents trailing 16-0 in the first quarter took advantage of first half injuries to some of his key starters and lack of depth on the bench to take the lead before halftime.

Miles Casper, a lineman on offense and defense, went down in the first quarter and sat out the rest of the game with a possible concussion.

Speedy running back N'Mason Smothers after scoring one of the first two touchdowns was on the sidelines for parts of two quarters with a possible leg cramp.

From then on, Johnson said it was difficult for his offense to move the ball and plug holes that Calvin Christian began punching in their defense.

"We just weren't able to fix what they were doing," he said.

Linebacker Ekolu Brown had to come out of the game for a while after taking a helmet to knee.

The Raiders were also without David Nicely, the most imposing player on the offensive and defensive lines.

Nicely suffered a knee injury in the season opener Aug. 29 but might be able to return for the game Friday, Sept. 20, at Bloomingdale.

The Raiders trailing by a touchdown midway through the final period missed a golden opportunity to get their offense back on the field and mount a possible game winning scoring drive.

However, Adam Slavens on a fourth down play was called for pass interference, which kept the ball in the hands of Calvin Christian for a new series of down deep into Raiders territory.

Johnson strongly disagreed with the call.

Calvin Christian went on to put the game out of reach with another touchdown.

Johnson said the team after losing eight starters from last year's squad has a lot of inexperienced players, who just need game experience to become more competitive.

"If one guy gets injured that forces you to move around two or three guys that generally don't play that position and they're going to make mistakes. Calvin Christian just did a good job of taking advantage of it," he said.

The Raiders' record dropped to 1-2 with their only victory from a forfeit by Tri-Unity Christian School cancelling its season from a shortage of players.

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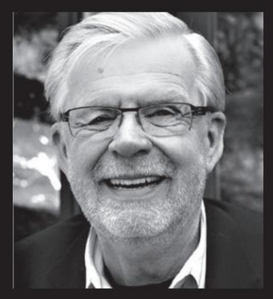

Boy, the last week sure flew by.

In my world, a majority of the sports news was again dominated by the NFL. At the end of my column last week, I mistakenly thought that the Lions had lost.

Today, they did lose, giving them a record of 1-1. At least momentarily, the Packers and Lions are tied for … last place in their division. The Vikings are playing surprisingly well and, at this moment are alone in first place. The Bears game against the Texans will be starting in 10 minutes and, depending on the outcome, will vault them into a tie with the Vikings for first, or a tie with the others for last.

For some reason, probably because I'm extremely optimistic, I expected the Bears to look better than they have so far. They lost tonight to a very good Houston team, 19-13. Before the season started, if you would have told me they would be 1-1 and tied with the Lions and Packers, I would have been thrilled.

The defense has been outstanding, especially in the second half of games. The special teams have more than held their own. As is almost always the case with the Bears, the offense has been problematic.

They spent money, draft picks, and a lot of resources putting the offense together, and after a few more weeks they might be good, but they've struggled so far. The quarterback is a rookie, so I'll cut him some slack. The receivers are banged up, so I understand their mistakes. The running backs have been underwhelming, as has the offensive line.

To my eyes, the biggest disappointment has been the play calling of the new offensive coordinator.

I guess it's possible that the players aren't doing a good job of carrying out the coaches plays, but there have been occasions where the plays looked just like last year. Believe me, the last thing Bears fans want to see is an offense that looks like last year.

It seems to me that more players are getting hurt more than usual. Injuries are part of the game is a phrase I've heard my whole life.

Have you ever sprained your ankle? Getting dressed and commuting are more difficult and moving around the office can be a chore. By the time you get home, you just want to get some rest. Now imagine being hurt and going out to play a football game.

Two of the Bears best receivers were injured this week and one of them couldn't take the field, even though he was shown on the sideline trying to help the quarterback. The other had a sore knee and played through it, but his injury obviously affected his play.

Football is a violent game and each team needs as much luck as possible to stay healthy. While watching the game tonight, I winced a few times at the ferocity of the game. Hopefully everyone came through unscathed.

Ralph Marston said, "Rest when you're weary. Refresh and renew yourself, your body, your mind, your spirit. Then get back to work."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Lady Bison continue to shine in volleyball

BY STAN MADDUX

For two times in a row, the New Buffalo High School girls' volleyball team finished in second place against solid competition in a weekend tournament.

The Lady Bison lost to Cassopolis 25-20 and 25-9 in the championship game of the tournament hosted by New Buffalo High School Saturday, Sept. 14.

New Buffalo defeated Michigan Lutheran in a three set match to advance to the championship game after losing to the Titans earlier in the tournament and after the regular season began prior to Labor Day.

Head Coach Bruce Molineaux said continued strong play on defense continues to be the key to victory for his team, which doesn't have height as a real advantage at the net.

"We're just going to have to hustle and play defense. That's going to have to be the way for the team this year," he said.

The Lady Bison (11-8-1) also defeated Brandywine in two sets 25-22 and 25-23 along with Eau Claire 25-11 and 25-10.

Molineaux said it was a "nice surprise" for Nicky Durham, a part time varsity player on last year's squad, to step up and record 19 kills at the net and five aces on the serve in the tournament.

Josie Humphrey led the team with 26 kills followed by Benita Puskinigus with 20 kills.

Cassidy Saunders and Meagan Fatter continued to excel on defense with 52 and 49 digs respectively.

Riley Tertel, who's in her first year as the setter, had 61 assists.

Molineaux said another real measuring stick for his upstart team will be September 25 at Our Lady of the Lake School, a conference opponent with just one loss on the season and that was to state ranked Mendon.

"They got a couple of seniors that can put the ball down," he said.

The numerous adjustments Molineaux made with the team to compensate for the loss of several core players from last year's squad appear to be paying off.

"Even though it's a bunch of seniors, it's a bunch of seniors learning new positions," he said.

There's also been a noticeable improvements in many of his players like Humphrey, who has become a more dominant figure at the net.

"We're just going to try and keep on improving and get our confidence to where we think we can win all of the time," he said.

Neighbor by Neighbor "Do It with Love – All Over Again" at The Acorn Theater

Get ready for an exciting evening that will have you on your feet as we host the third annual Neighbor by Neighbor fundraiser in October to help our neighbors in the greatest need.

Neighbor by Neighbor connects the most vulnerable residents of SW Berrien Country with resources to address their most immediate needs while facilitating greater independence through targeted programs and services. Food assistance has been cut by as much as 75% for some of our clients and rent across the state and affordable housing is almost non-existent. Neighbor by Neighbor also mobilizes the community to build networks of mutual service and care through robust volunteer participation.

Sponsorships are available for the Fall fundraiser on the Neighbor by Neighbor website or to purchase tickets to the event, go to the Acorn website. Both sponsorships and tickets help the organization raise funds to continue to support economically disadvantaged clients in the area.

The Fall fundraiser, "Do it with Love – All Over Again" will again feature the dynamic and very talented, Meagan McNeal. The concert will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. at The Acorn Theater, located at 107 Generations Drive in Three Oaks, Michigan. Prior to the concert, there is a VIP Pre-Show Event taking place at Commune & Market located at 105 N. Elm Street in Three Oaks. This VIP Event features a reception prior to the concert and reserved seating at The Acorn. Tickets for the VIP event are limited so purchase them early as we will certainly sell out quickly.

Meagan McNeal is a powerhouse singer, songwriter and recording artist from Chicago, Illinois. She is well-versed in the genres of jazz, soul and R&B. Known for her diverse vocal range and soulful voice, she attracted attention on the local circuit and received international acclaim with the release of her debut album entitled, "Mindset" in 2014. Gracing the stage of NBC's "The Voice" in 2017, Meagan's radiating vocals landed her on the team of Grammy Award winning artist, Jennifer Hudson. Those experiences have broadened her scope and it has furthered her music career. We are thrilled to feature Megan and her limitless capacity to deliver an unforgettable experience. Get ready to dance!

Neighbor by Neighbor is a nonprofit 501c3 organization in SW Michigan that works to address food insecurities, homelessness, and the dire needs of the vulnerable seniors in our community. We are a resource for our low-income neighbors in SW Berrien County that provides the tools and education for them to progress from dependence to independence.

We do this by ensuring they are stably housed, and able to pay for basic necessities while providing access to a range of resources that address increases in skills, knowledge, and education allowing them to achieve independence.

For seniors and the disabled, the goal is to stabilize them, and ensure they are safe and secure, so they can live as valued members of our community. For the broader population, the immediate objective is to ensure they are safe, have food on the table, and a roof over their head. Once that is accomplished, we assess their current situation, and partner with them to create a plan leading to employment opportunities and financial independence.

For more information on sponsorship and volunteer opportunities for the Neighbor by Neighbor Fall Fundraiser and other events, please visit www.neighborbyneighbor.org. — STAFF REPORTS

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New mural in La Porte taking shape

BY STAN MADDUX

A new mural expected to be finished soon in La Porte seems to be grabbing the attention of a lot of people impressed by the work.

Holly Swank of La Porte said she's walked past the mural every day while going to her job at nearby Indiana Deli since it started going up Monday, Sept. 16.

Swank said it's been kind of exciting to see the mural taking.

"It's beautiful. It's bright. I guess it makes my walk into work a little bit brighter," she said.

The mural is on the side of the La Porte County Public Library Exchange.

The exchange is inside a slightly more than century old building once home to what's still often referred to as "The Telephone Co." at 807 Indiana Ave.

For decades, the three story structure housed switchboard operators manually connecting people on telephone calls until dial up phones forced the company out of business.

The building was purchased and renovated by the library, which opened it across the street from its main branch in 2020.

The facility offers for public use the latest in technology such as 3-D printers, laser cutters along with other things like a wood lathe and studios for recording podcasts and videos.

There's also space for people to do their own knitting and sewing.

Assistant Library Director Toni Kester-Bulger said the idea behind the mural was to have something that sort of captures the history of the building and work representing the future happening there now.

Kester-Bulger said the mural for greeting people coming to the exchange was planned since the grand opening but came to reality with a grant from the Health Foundation of La Porte.

"What a better way to welcome the community and kind of reflect the creativity that's going on inside," she said.

The muralist is Alex Allen using strictly a special kind of spray paint of various colors from California and frog tape for creating the straight lines in the abstract image.

"I kind of just wanted the viewer to feel joy, warmth and just, hopefully, inspired going into this building," she said.

Allen said the prism in the middle of the mural is her way of showing the building now has a place in the future.

"I wanted to kind of make you feel like you're going into a different world," she said.

Allen, 30, is a lifelong resident of South Bend with about 180 murals under her belt, mostly in northern Indiana.

She has gone to places as far away as Pennsylvania and Montana with her talent since becoming a full-time muralist nearly six years ago.

Allen said she always had a knack for artwork but after graduating from high school made a living as a traditional house painter.

Eventually, she couldn't ignore a growing desire to become more artistic with paint and, perhaps, meet here true calling.

Aside from a few classes, Allen said she taught herself.

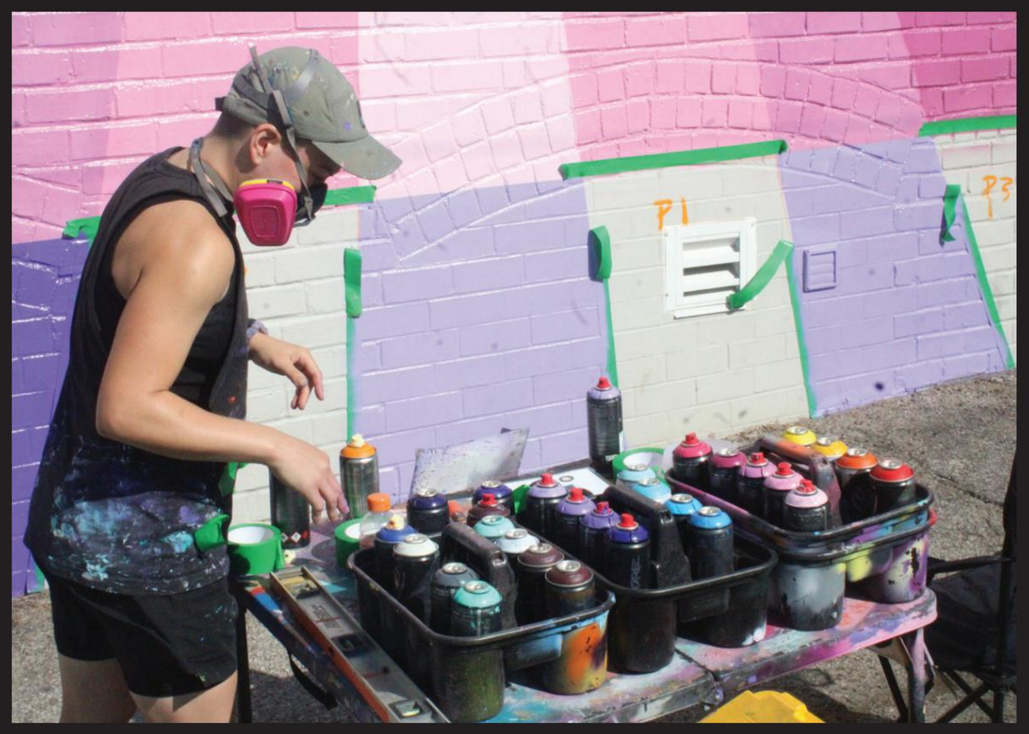
"I think I kind of always knew. One day you just wake up and say now it's time," she said.

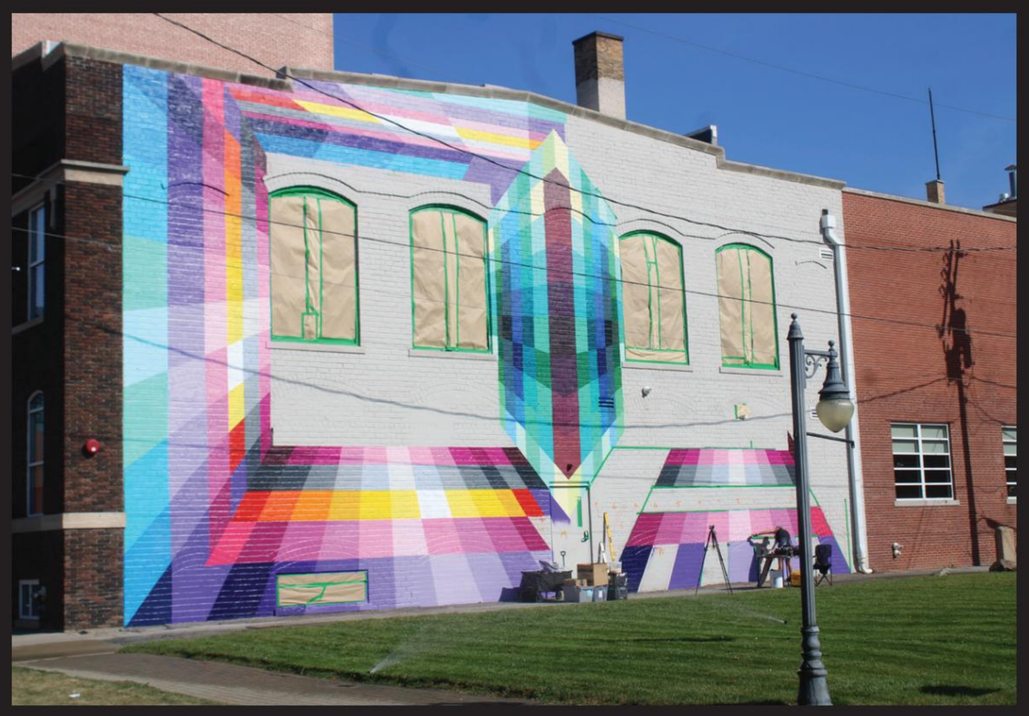
Allen said she hopes to be finished with the mural by late in the afternoon on Saturday.

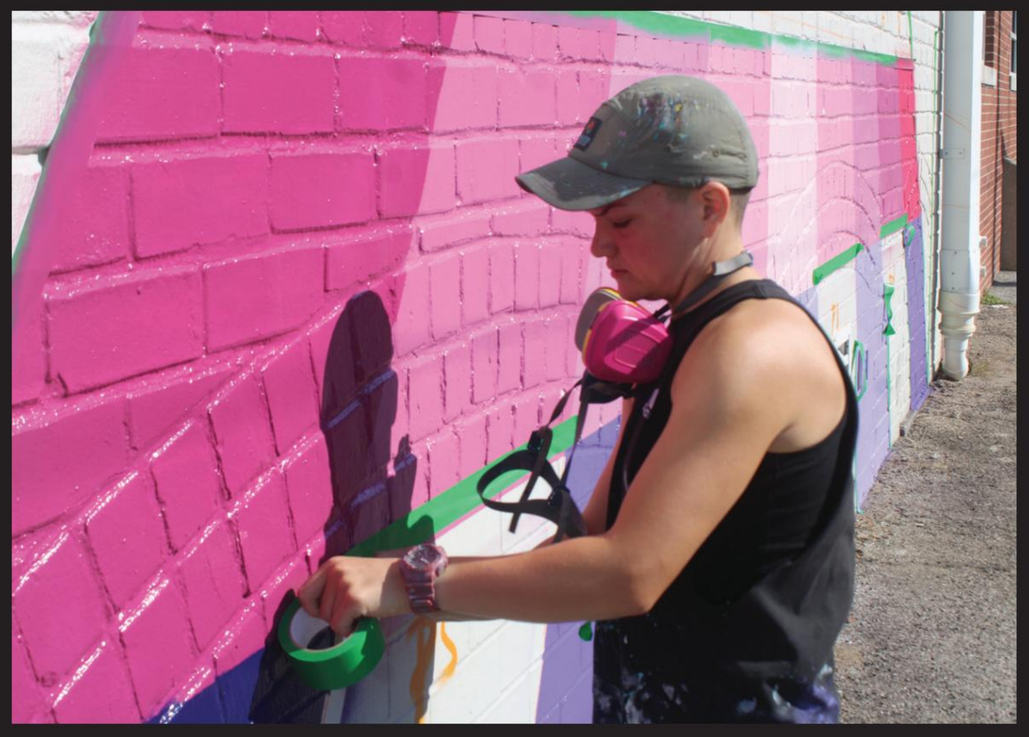
Kester-Bulger said a mural celebration is scheduled October 4 in the outdoor Wifi garden at the main library branch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

She said people coming can check out the mural, meet Allen and have some refreshments.

"I think it's just remarkable what she's been able to do," she said.







FILM GROUP TO SCREEN, DISCUSS 1960S CLASSIC 'BONNIE AND CLYDE'

The Harbor Country Film Group will view and discuss Arthur Penn's 1967 "Bonnie and Clyde" at its next meeting at 6 p.m. Monday Sept. 23, at the New Buffalo Township Library.

The film is set in the 1930s during the Great Depression. It covers the real-life crime spree of Bonnie Parker (played by Faye Dunnaway) and Clyde Barrow (Warren Beatty). Other cast members include Estelle Parsons (who won an Oscar for her performance), Gene Hackman, Gene Wilder and Michael J. Pollard.

When it opened, Roger Ebert called "Bonnie and Clyde" "a milestone in the history of American movies, a work of truth and brilliance," and predicted that "years from now it is quite possible that "Bonnie and Clyde" will be seen as the definitive film of the 1960s."

Harbor Country Film Group meetings are led by Eve Moran, and are free and open to everyone. The library is located at 33 N. Thompson Street in downtown New Buffalo. As usual, there will be free popcorn.

The film group is sponsored by the Friends of the New Buffalo Library. — STAFF REPORTS

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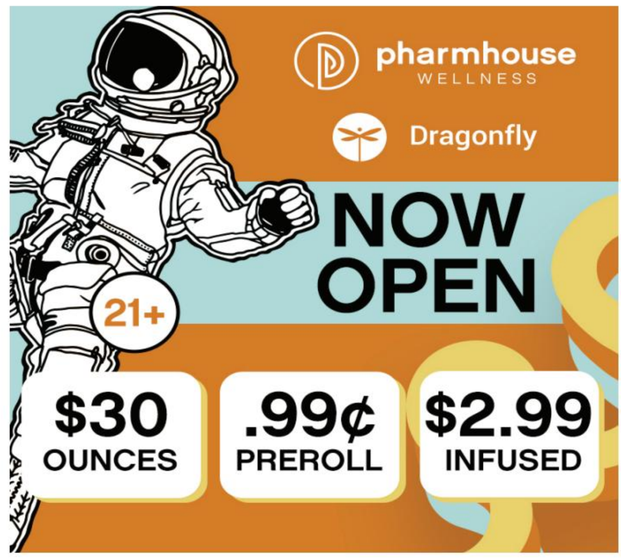

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Mayor reaffirms commitment to winning drug war

BY STAN MADDUX

La Porte Mayor Tom Dermody has expressed a desire to hire more police officers to clamp down further on drug dealers.

Dermody said he might not be taken seriously in his ongoing effort on "winning the war on drugs" in the city, but thinks it's possible and he's just as committed to doing that since campaigning on that pledge before first elected mayor in 2019.

During the La Porte City Council meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, he announced that he wants to hire more police officers despite not having enough funds in the city budget to afford it.

He said the cost of each new officer, including benefits, would be about $150,000.

However, Dermody said he's thinking out of the box to try and find ways to finance such a price tag.

"We're going to find those dollars in a creative way to make sure we have a force that can be aggressive to winning the war on drugs," he said.

Since becoming mayor, the number of officers at the police department has been practically restored with help from money generated by a new countywide public safety tax.

A few years ago, Dermody spearheaded the push for adopting the tax to increase the pay of police officers locally and throughout the county to keep them from continuing to leave for other higher paying departments.

Under Dermody, the police department has also hired its first ever full-time social worker, who has been added to the front lines of the drug war to help secure treatment for addicts.

Dermody said he doesn't believe it would take long to further strengthen police manpower because of the number of officers interested in working for the city.

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Cracker returns to the Acorn

BY JOE DURK

The Acorn was packed on Thursday, Sept. 12, as the multiple gold record selling rock band Cracker returned to the theater.

The intimate venue set the stage for a trip down the band's best hits, from "Low," "Teen Angst (What the World Needs Now)" and "Euro-Trash Girl."

Three Oaks' "adopted daughter," violinist Anne Harris, performed with the band, and had strings flying with her energy.

For more information about the Acorn Theater and upcoming shows, visit www.acornlive.org, or call 269-756-3879. The theater is located at 107 Generations Drive in Three Oaks.

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Hikers plans visit to Spicer Lake Nature Preserve

The Harbor Country Hikers will explore the trails of Spicer Lake Nature Preserve Saturday, Sept. 28.

The hike will get underway at 10 a.m. and is expected to last about two hours.

Spicer Lake is located in New Carlisle, Indiana, and is notable for its wetland habitats. Michaele Klingerman, St. Joseph County (Ind.) naturalist, will lead the 2.6 mi. hike. The preserve is home to ferns, wildflowers, endangered shrubs and animals.

Membership in the Hikers is preferred, but this hike is open to all. Those who attend should wear long pants (preferably tucked in), a sun hat, sturdy shoes or boots and insect repellent. The Hikers also recommends attendees bring plenty of water, in order to stay hydrated on what could be a warm morning. Physical difficulty is rated moderate.

For driving directions to Spicer Lake and other information, visit the group's website, www.harborcountryhikers.com, or its Facebook page.

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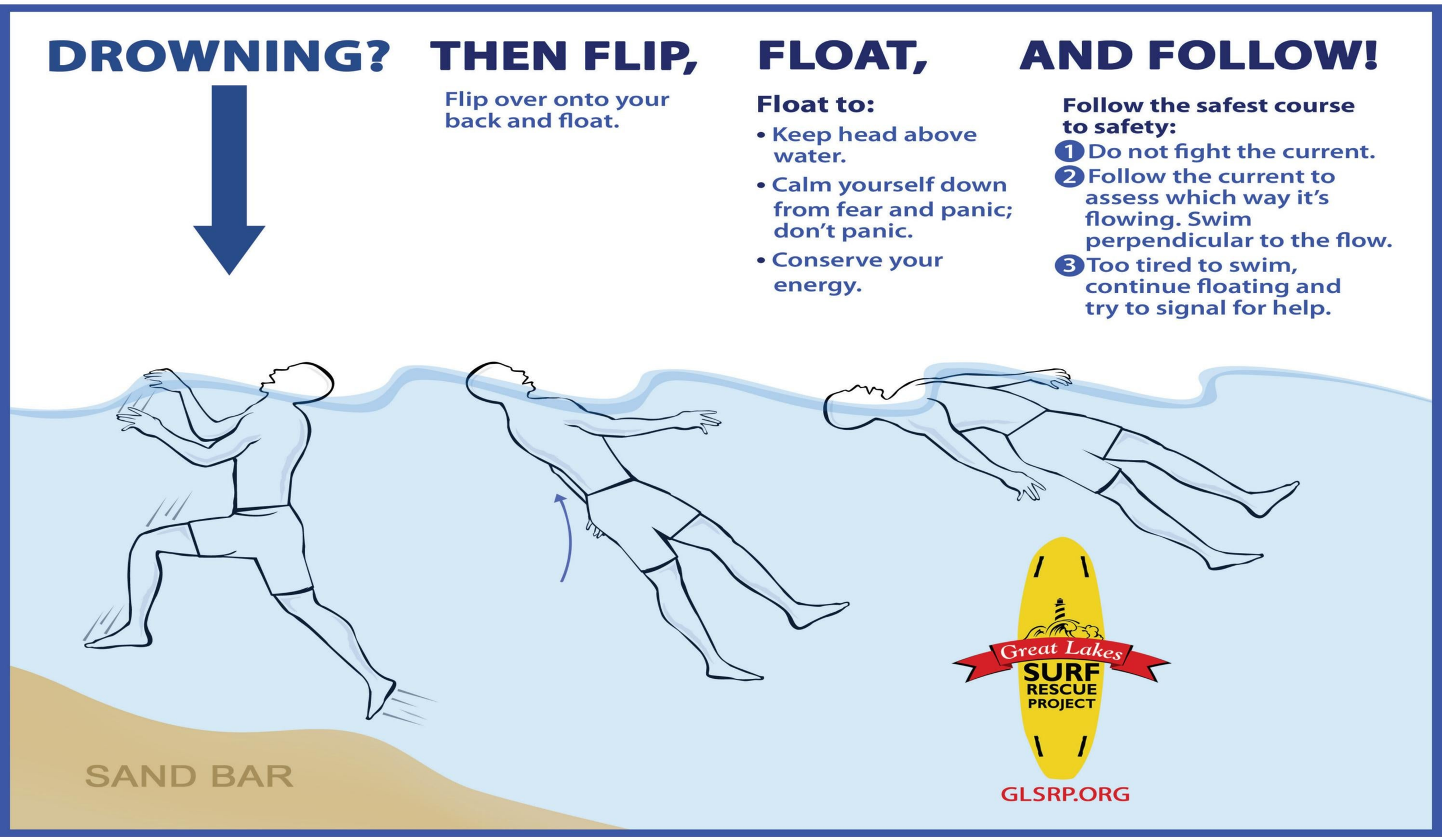
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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

As much as you would like to be the peacemaker and handle problems in a more nonchalant way, the situation this week may call for a more serious approach. Whether you are dealing with an unagreeable partner or a problematic coworker, be firm and stick to the procedures that are in place.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

It's time to loosen up and have some fun. There may be a lot to accomplish or complete but you can't work all the time and you certainly cannot take on the work that someone else is supposed to be doing. Let people take care of their own issues. You need some beach days.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

This is a great time to get involved with the family or make a commitment to a family member. It's important you realize you may not always be in charge but your input is very important now. Even if you're not asked to be there, you would be wise to step up and offer advice or help.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

You can expect a lot of shuffling and redirecting where work is concerned and a lot of talking and rehashing where friends are concerned. All in all, it will help you get the job done in a timelier fashion. Also, it will help bring you and one who has been estranged closer.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

It will seem like commitments or promises made in the past will be hard to stick with now. Be sure you communicate at the first hint that things are not going to go as planned. Good communication will put people at ease and save you a lot of heartache this week.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Some of your creative ideas will require more money than you had anticipated. The important thing is to stick with what's essential and then see if there is room in the budget for the add-ons. Don't scrap ideas because they are too pricey. The opportunity to get it done at a better cost is there.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

There will be a definite breakthrough this week in the domestic arena. Plans and ideas will be put into motion and you will see some of your ideas take shape. The only issue is that you may need to put some extra hours in at work which could take you away from the excitement at home.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

This is a great time to talk with friends or intimate partners and get to the bottom of what is holding the relationship back. Even if you decide to part ways, you will feel better knowing what was the real issue was. It will ultimately help you see the baggage you are carrying.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Work and financial issues will smooth out nicely this week. It's the more personal, domestic side of life that could become problematic now. You may not agree with family or roommates about the way the household chores should be divided and most importantly what chores you are doing.

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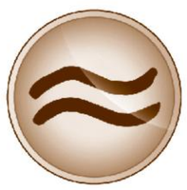
CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

It's important that you get out into the world and try new things. Even if you can't take an exotic vacation, it doesn't mean you can't experience new cultures or food stateside. Take time to seek out people of different cultures and ask questions. Get those conscious raising experiences started.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



You will feel situations a bit more intensely this week and will be quite keen on how other people are feeling. The subtle cues that you may normally miss will be like huge red flags this week. There could be some upheavals with friends because they may not have the resources you thought they did.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

There is a much more action-oriented vibe coming your way this week. It will give you that extra boost you've been needing to confront any relationship issues or problematic friendships head on and without the need to couch your views first. Just say what you need to and that's it.

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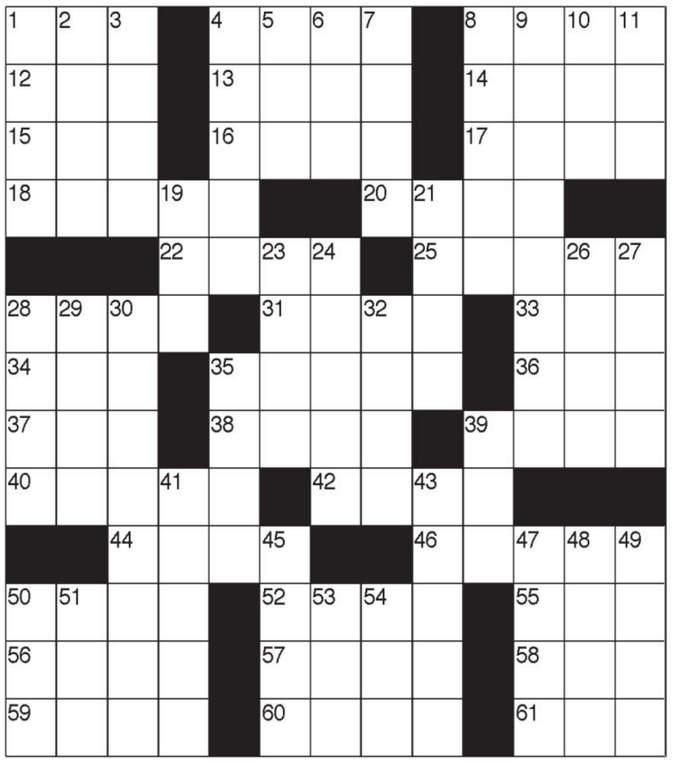

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Mom charged in dumbbell attack on son

BY STAN MADDUX

A La Porte woman is facing potential time in prison from her then 12 year old son being serious injured from a blow to the head with a dumbbell.

Sarah Dukes, 34, is charged in La Porte Circuit Court with Level 5 felony domestic battery along with Level 6 felony counts of domestic battery and criminal recklessness.

Her alleged actions occurred about three years ago.

Authorities just recently became involved after her son, who now lives with his father, reported the alleged incident, according to court documents.

The investigation shows the boy and his older sister were doing chores at a home they lived in with their mother, stepfather and younger siblings on Warren St. in La Porte.

At one point, the brother and sister began arguing over something.

Police said the commotion awakened Dukes, who came downstairs with the five pound weight in her hand.

She struck the boy several times with it and took him to hospital where he received four staples to close the laceration he was heavily bleeding from on the back of his head, according to court documents.

His now 17 year old sister also hit with the dumbbell was not injured, police said.

Court documents allege Dukes told the medical staff her son was hurt when pushed by his sister and fell.

La Porte County Prosecutor Sean Fagan said charges in low to mid-level felony crimes in Indiana must be filed within five years from time of occurrence.

There is no statute of limitations for murder.

Dukes arrested on September 10 was still being held Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the La Porte County Jail on $15,000 bond.

PET OF THE WEEK

PEMBERLEY

Pemberley does not let the opportunity to be the center of everyone's attention pass by often. If there is a chance to be socializing, she will be the star. As far as playing catch, she loves streamers to chase. Pemberley is almost a year old, spayed, and her vaccinations are up-to-date. She is cat- and child-friendly, and will hold all their secrets. Pemberley just wants a nice home to greet all that enter, and she does not mind compliments on her beauty.

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Barndogg welcomed as area's newest bar, coffee lounge

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Carrie Stoklosa wants Barndogg to be "more than just a bar."

"It's a place for people to come celebrate - have some laughs, have some drinks, have some coffee and tea eventually and a little snacks and then we'll have a retail store," she said.

Carrie, along with her husband, Terry and their daughter, Madison, celebrated the five-year journey to open the casual lounge and future coffee bar at a ribbon-cutting with the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce Saturday Sept. 14.

Shortly after moving to Harbert eight years ago, they decided to renovate the building along Red Arrow Highway in Union Pier, which Carrie said looked a "little sad."

"We thought, 'You know what, we can do something really fun with it,'" she said.

The couple got to work - refacing it and gutting it to studs. Having grown up with a father who was a "closet artist," Carrie said she did all of Barndogg's interior design. To go with the laid-back vibe that infiltrates the lounge, Carrie said the building's design required the use of a lot of wood: the wood rounds from a 100-year-old oak tree that fell on the property that were used to create the high-top lounge tables, hand honed beams and the barnwood siding on the interior.

Opening a cocktail bar and coffee lounge is a new experience for the couple. Carrie's background is in corporate finance investment matters, which includes working for IBM in market strategy. Terry does performance contracting, which entails selling large projects related to energy efficiency renovations, mostly for kindergarten through 12th grades but sometimes municipalities and hospitals.

"He's done owner's rep, which is kind of above a GC, so he understands a lot of the cycle and construction so we had enough to be dangerous," she said.

True to its name and rustic vibe, the logo for Barndogg bears the likeness of the face of their beautiful but "rustic, dirty" rescue: Molly, their Cane Corso dog. Having let all of their rescue dogs out, Carrie said she and Terry were sitting around a fire pit when Molly plopped down on the sand and rolled around.

"He (Terry) was like, 'Oh my gosh, she's such a dirty girl - we need a barn for her, she's a barn dog,'" she said.

On the bar side are Barndogg's 18 taps, with several craft brewed beers and Tito's Handmade Vodka, an organic, dog-supporting brand. There are also higher end cocktails and some really high end scotches, vodka and tequilas. Red and white wines are on tap, which means that they're put in mini kegs and don't get oxidized.

On the lounge side, guests can sink into one of the big couches near the fireplace and enjoy mushroom coffee and matcha loose leaf teas, which can be bagged and taken home or brewed onsite, in the morning. Light breakfast food will be served, as well as some charcuterie boards and stews and hot plates that will be rotated on a nightly basis.

"Think like European tapas, like Swedish meatballs over some mashed potatoes or one night we'll do perogies," Carrie said.

Terry said that he looks forward to seeing what the future holds for their new venture. This includes a retail center, with Madison helping to create Barndogg's brand.

"We love being here in Harbor Country full time and we're just thrilled about giving back to the community and we can't wait to see what they do in the retail center," he said.

Barndogg is located at 15972 Red Arrow Highway in Union Pier. Fall hours are 4-10 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Louise Valentin, Carrie, Terry and Madison Stoklosa, Kimberlee Wendt and Jan Tomecek cut the ribbon on Barndogg

A view of the bar side of Barndogg

Guests enjoy the outdoor patio at Barndogg

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